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Joint Military Exercise between India and Nepal
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Nepal conducted a Joint Military Exercise in Pithoragarh recently;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(c) the name of the Indian battalion and the number of soldiers who participated in the exercise; and

(d) the amount incurred on the exercise and the benefit that is likely to accrue to India out of this exercise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Indo-Nepal Battalion Level Combined Training / Exercise (Exercise Surya Kiran-IX) was conducted at Pithoragarh from 07-20 March 2017. A total of 17 officers, 28 Junior Commissioned Officers and 305 Other Ranks from 28 PUNJAB participated in the exercise. A total of Rs. 97,32,640/- (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only) was incurred on the conduct of exercise. The objective of the exercise was to increase military-to-military cooperation with emphasis on cooperation in the area of Counter Insurgency / Counter Terrorism, Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief, Disaster Management Capabilities and effectiveness of any response to Pandemic / Epidemic diseases and Combat Life Survivality between the two countries.
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